

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 6884. This bill takes important steps toward addressing the educator shortage in Connecticut, showing educators that theirs is a respected profession, and ensuring that our classrooms and schools can provide the best possible education for our students.

What happens to the teachers who worked through the pandemic 2019 -2020 and are planning to retire between 2023 and 2026? There is no extra benefit noted for these teachers. We all worked extremely hard and were just as dedicated as every other teacher during this unique time in education.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

